



City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Employee Recognition Awards Presented to Frazier-Bey & Leaf Removal Team

Gaithersburg, Maryland (March 6, 2019) At the Mayor and City Council meeting on Monday, March 4, 2019, Homeless Services Division Manager Jimmy Frazier-Bey and the Leaf Removal Team were presented with Employee Recognition Awards for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2018.

Made up of peers from each department, Gaithersburg's Employee Recognition Committee (ERC) reviews nominations for individuals and teams on a quarterly basis. These winners are then eligible for the annual Employee and Team of the Year Awards.

Jimmy Frazier-Bey, Homeless Services Division Manager with the Department of Community and Public Relations, was named Employee of the Fourth Quarter for his exemplary work performance, dedication and compassion. "Jimmy truly has a heart of gold; he is one of the most selfless individuals I have ever had the good fortune to know," says a co-worker. "Jimmy would, and probably has, given the shirt off his own back for someone who needed it." Jimmy has worked with the City's Homeless Services Division for nearly 25 years. In addition to managing the City's Wells/Robertson and DeSellum House programs for homeless men and women in recovery, he also coordinates a street outreach team to engage homeless individuals in the greater Gaithersburg area. Jimmy works in collaboration with various local agencies and coalitions to better the livelihoods of all clientele. In the nomination it was said that "Jimmy's genuine care for humanity is exemplary and he has already established a legacy of altruism."

The Leaf Removal Team, comprised of Devin Brosenne, Jonathon Burgess, Bobby Cox, Mario Carmona Padilla, Bonton Dixon, Jacob Fagan, Coy Flanary, Rukman Goonapala Arachchilage, Vincent Holt, Greg Horton, Eric Misner, Everett Newman, John Parrott, Joshua Shuey, Jeff Sirk, Sean Sorandes, George Smith, Brian Stream, Kevin Younkings, Jason Braithwaite, Timothy Cox, and Esteban Ramirez of the Department of Public Works, was named the Team of the Fourth Quarter.

The Team members were nominated for their exceptional work during the fall leaf collection season. In 2018, the City experienced a record-setting amount of rainfall, which led to heavy, wet piles of leaves dropped from trees much later than in previous years. An early November snowfall also meant that plows had to be quickly installed and then removed from leaf trucks in the midst of the collection season. The Team was also working with a brand new supervisor. Despite the challenges and delays, the Team made no excuses and worked together to successfully complete the arduous task. Staff nominating the team said, "Mother Nature may have thrown a few curve balls, but the Leaf Removal Team didn't flinch."

For more information on the Employee Recognition Awards please contact the Office of the City Manager at 301-258-6310 or visit the City's website at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

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